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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION YELUTIN'S
VISIT TO U.S.

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1. DETAILS OF YELUTIN VISIT TO U.S. SUBJECT OF CALL
BY MINISTER-COUNSELOR MATLOCK, WITH CAO NOAH, ON DEPUTY
MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION N.N. SOFINSKIY. A.S. SEMYONOV,
CHIEF, MHE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES DIVISION, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. SOFINSKIY SAID MINISTER MAY TRAVEL IN SPRING OR FALL;
WORK LOAD HEAVY AND IMPOSSIBLE TO SPECIFY NOW. HE WOULD
BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, AIDE, AND ONE, POSSIBLY TWO,
SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS, SUCH AS BOGOMOLOV, CHIEF,
EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DIVISION. (THREE OR FOUR PERSONS,
PLUS MINISTER.) MATLOCK SAID, IN RESPONSE SOFINSKIY'S
QUESTIO, THAT ESCORT-INTERPRETER WOULD BE ASSIGNED.
SOFINSKIY SEEMED CONCERNED ABOUT QUALITY OF INTERPRETA-
TION. FINAL UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT MINISTER WOULD NOT
BRING INTERPRETER, BUT SOFINSKIY WAS ASSURED THAT
MINISTER HAD THIS OPTION IF HE WISHED. (NOTE: BELIEVE
APPROXSATHSTO RESERVE BEST AVAILABLE ESCORT-INTERPRETER
AS SOON AS TIME OF VISIT KNOWN).

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3. BOTH SIDES AGREED TWO WEEKS WOULD BE BEST LENGTH OF

VISIT, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ON MINISTER'S SCHEDULE.

4. SINCE YELUTIN'S OWN ACADEMIC BACKGROUND IS IN ENGINEERING, HE HAS PARTICULAR INTEREST IN LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ADVANCED TECHNICAL EDUCATION. AS MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, HIS INTERESTS, OF COURSE, ALSO COVER ENTIRE RANGE OF HIGHER AND SPECIALIZED EDUCATION AND HE WOULD WELCOME COVERAGE OF GENERAL METHODOLOGY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TEACHING OF HUMANITIES. (NOTE: IN VIEW OF YELUTIN'S INTEREST IN BROADER-BASED EDUCATION DESCRIBED REFTEL, SUGGEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT U.S. TRENDS IN EXPANDING HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE CONTEXT FOR ENGINEERING/ TECHNICAL TRAINING.) SOFINSKIY SAID SCHEDULE MIGHT INCLUDE CAL TECH, BERKELEY, MIT, HARVARD AND PRINCETON, AND ITINERARY MIGHT COVER NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, D.C., SAN FRANCISCO, BOSTON, AND POSSIBLY CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES. SOFINSKIY MENTIONED INSTITUTIONS AND CITIES HESITANTLY AND STRESSED THAT YELUTIN WISHED TO ACCEPT WHATEVER PROGRAM AND ITINERARY U.S. SPONSORS CONSIDER BEST FOR HIM. THEREFORE, INSTITUTIONS AND CITIES CITED SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS FIRM REQUESTS. I IKJ

OTHERS ARE CONSIDERED MORE APPROPRIATE. 7-5. IN ARRANGING FOR PERIODS OF REST AND RELAXATION,

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*8 #34.-. HE INTERESTED BOTH OCEAN AND FRESH WATER, BUT WE SUGGEST, IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED, DEEP WATER EXCURSION OFF CALIFORNIA AS GUEST OF HIGH-LEVEL EDUCATOR SUCH AS UNIVERSITY OR INSTITUTE PRESIDENT. YELUTIN IS AFFABLE, DECISIVE PERSONALITY, AND INFORMAL SETTING OF DAY-LONG FISHING TRIP WOULD BE EXCELLENT FOR DISCUSSING U.S. EDUCATIONAL IDEAS.

6. WILL SEND MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMMING AS SOON AS MORE SPECIFIC DATE KNOWN.
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